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Mr. Donald E. Bowes  
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Dear Mr. Bowes:

This is in response to your letter of January 13, 1978, relating to the license application for the Green Lake Hydroelectric Project of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

We do not have and were unable to obtain actual recreation use data for the project area. As you are probably aware, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan prepared by the Alaska Division of Parks does not contain information on a site specific basis.

In the absence of hard data, we suggest that you contact people who would have first hand knowledge of the area and could best estimate present use. These same people may also assist in estimating future use.

Prior to estimating projected use, we suggest you clearly define the various recreation potentials of the project area and the types of recreation activities that would logically occur in the area. Type of access and condition of the fishery after construction will be key factors in determining future use.

We suggest you recontact the U.S. Forest Service as well as recreation and/or planning officials with the City and Borough of Sitka and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for their best estimates on recreation use of the project area.

Sincerely,

/S/ WILLIAM R. THOMAS  
Bill Thomas  
Area Director

✓cc: Mr. Art Schmidt, Alaska Dept. of  
Fish and Game, Sitka

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Mr. Bill Thomas  
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Subject: Green Lake Project  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
License Application  
Exhibit R - Recreation Plan

By way of confirmation of our recent telephone conversations of January 10, 1978, our Firm is the engineer for the City and Borough of Sitka for their Green Lake Hydroelectric Project and as such, we are making final preparation of the application for license to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The FERC has indicated to us that our draft Exhibit R (Recreation Plan) of the Application is deficient in that it does not "contain estimates of present, initial and projected recreational use of the proposed project." They have suggested (see enclosed letter of January 3, 1978) that your office should be able to assist us in preparing these estimates of recreational use. We are specifically interested in recreational use estimates for the Project Area shown on the Exhibit J drawing (copy attached). We have made similar requests for this information from the Alaska Division of Parks and the U.S. Forest Service and they have indicated that they do not have any recreational use estimates for the area in question, nor does the City and Borough of Sitka. This being the case, we hope your office will be able to assist us in making these estimates.

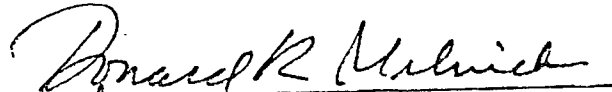
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This is of vital interest to us and your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. W. BECK AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
for Donald E. Bowes  
Executive Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fermin Gutierrez, City and Borough of Sitka